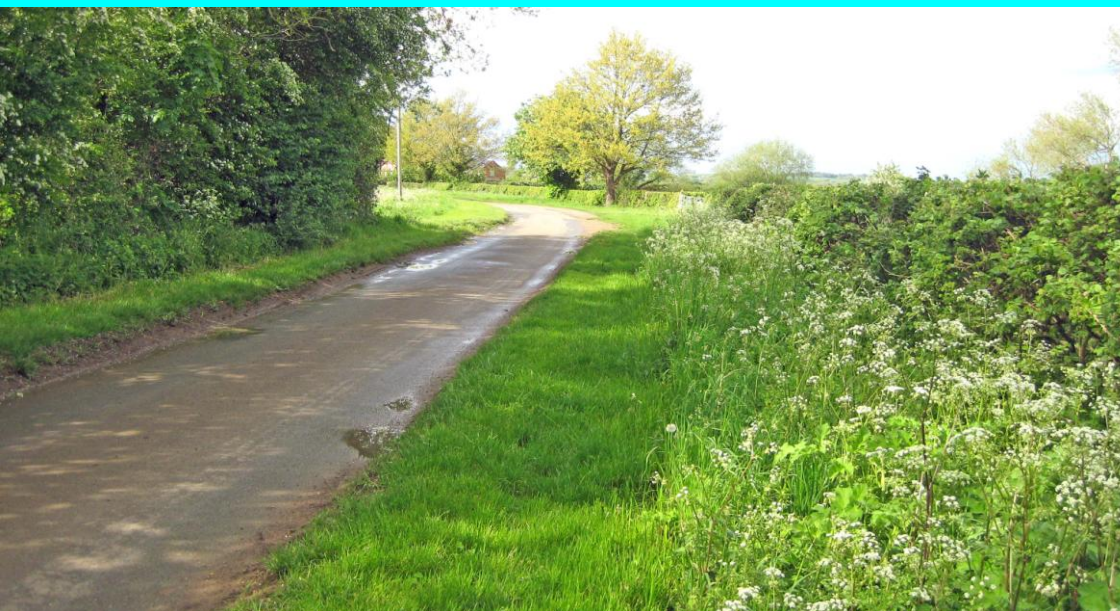


# ST SWITHIN'S NEWS

*News and views for Lower & Upper  
Quinton, Admington and Meon Vale*

## Summer 2021



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# *St Swithin's News*

## **Summer 2021**



**With the easing of restrictions, the prospect of better weather and the possibility of holidays, summer promises a steady restoration to pre-pandemic normality. However, with concerns about new covid variants and the emergence of hotspots, the idea of resuming life as it used to be can be a daunting prospect for many.**

The challenge is to make sure that all the pieces of the puzzle that has been lockdown are put back in the right order. As Revd Ros writes, **we are all part of the jigsaw** (page 4) with a place for each of us to fit back into the community.

There are several positive signs of the resumption of pre-covid activities, none more so than the **return of regular public worship** (pages 5 & 24) in St Swithin's, as well as the other churches in our benefice, and in July there is to be a **picnic lunch with the Bishop of Gloucester** (page 6).

Also in July **Nosh & Natter** (page 16) is hoping to restart its monthly lunches and there are still a few places available on the planned Isle of Anglesey holiday at the end of June. Meanwhile, plans for this year's **QUADS panto** (page 18) are proceeding with an invitation to would-be participants and the first rehearsal date announced.

Hopes for the future shape of Quinton have been set out in the draft **Neighbourhood Development Plan** (page 10). The policy proposals, which form our centre-page spread, are the result of much work and consultation by the steering group. The full document can be viewed on-line and **it is now up to you to respond** with comments before the final plan is put to a residents' vote.

Congratulations to Sue Cook and her team of wonderful helpers and supporters for organising yet another successful **Admington Fun Ride** (page 22).

Lovers of wildlife will be disappointed at the **Churchyard theft** (page 6) and may well agree with the **letter lamenting the loss of wild flowers** (page 19).

**Cover picture:** Cow parsley thriving in Back Lane, where the verge is left uncut

**St Swithin's News on the web:** [www.quintonpc.org.uk/community](http://www.quintonpc.org.uk/community)

**Contributions from individuals and organisations in our parish welcomed**  
**Copy deadline for the Harvest issue is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
Contact the editor: [nicholas.bond@farming.me.uk](mailto:nicholas.bond@farming.me.uk) or phone 01789 721311

# We're all part of the jigsaw!

*The Revd Ros writes ...*



**I expect many of you have done a number of jigsaws over the past year in order to pass the time. Tim and I completed a 1000-piece jigsaw of Welford village which a relative had found in a charity shop in Bolton!**

But hopefully, now is the time when we can begin to put our jigsaw puzzles to one side and start to mix again with our family, friends and neighbours – a time when we can retake our place in the big picture of life itself.

As Christians we are each part of a jigsaw – and not just a 1000-piece jigsaw. We are individually holders of one piece of the 2.4 billion-piece jigsaw of Christianity. But as well as holding the piece of jigsaw that makes me a Christian, I also hold a piece of the jigsaw in which the whole population of the world holds a piece too - one piece of the 7 billion-piece jigsaw of humanity.

Those jigsaws are perhaps a bit too big for us to imagine being a part. Closer to home we each hold a piece of the jigsaw that makes us part of the Benefice of Lower Quinton with Admington, Welford, Weston and Marston Sicca – at the last count probably part of at least a 7000-piece puzzle.

And as a holder of that one piece of jigsaw we are part of God's plan for the world and for our community. Of course, we are all different! In jigsaw terms we are different colours and shapes, and we fit together with some and not with others. But you know, without me and you the jigsaw just is not complete. Not only that, if we are not in place, it is difficult for the other pieces to fit into their place.

## **A place for each of us in our community**

So as we move out of 'lockdown' and go forward into the future together, perhaps we can all think about what our personal piece of the jigsaw looks like and who we might connect with in order that we can complete the picture and take our place in our church and community.

Each of us, no matter how small, is significant in the life of our community and we all have a role to play. We've all got individual gifts that we can use to share the love of Christ with those around us – even if that's a simple smile or a helping hand.

As our churches reopen, we're trying to make it possible for more people to join us in the church jigsaw by planning different types of services and activities which will enable more people to connect with us. For now, we have a basic set of services each month which we will add to as and when we can (watch social media and future magazines for more info).



Whoever you are, you are very welcome to join with us in any of our churches and at any of our services and events.

***For now we do ask that you pre-book with Ros on 01789 751546 or email [revdrosgreenhalgh@gmail.com](mailto:revdrosgreenhalgh@gmail.com):***

### **Our present programme of services**

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month</b> | 9am Holy Communion at Long Marston Church<br>10.30am Family Communion at Welford Church  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month</b> | 9am Holy Communion at Weston Church (Book of Common Prayer)<br>10.30am Holy Communion at Quinton Church  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month</b> | 9am Holy Communion at Welford Church<br>10.30am Breakfast Service for all the family at Long Marston Church<br><i>(as we are unable to serve Breakfast, please feel free to bring your own refreshments and we'll also provide a little something to take home!)</i> |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month</b> | 9am Holy Communion at Weston Church (Book of Common Prayer)<br>10.30am Family Communion at Quinton Church  |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month</b> | <b>A United Benefice Service:</b>  |

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 3pm Picnic Service in the church grounds at Long Marston Church. **Everyone is very welcome.** *Bring a chair/blanket and your picnic. We will have a short service and then enjoy our picnic and a chat together. Do bring your friends and neighbours.*

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Our 'zoom' service of Morning Praise each Sunday at 10.30am will be reduced during June and eventually discontinued (probably from July) as we progress through the road map. Login details and further information from Rev Ros (Revdrosgreenhalgh@gmail.com or phone 01789 751546).

**What is in a name?** – every jigsaw puzzle has a name and we would love a shorter inclusive name which embraces all our communities who are part of the Benefice - Quinton with Admington, Long Marston, Meon Vale, Welford on Avon and Weston on Avon. If you have any ideas – then do let us know.

**...and finally a forward notice for your diary:**

**Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>** A special United Benefice Service at Quinton Church with Bishop Rachel at 11am followed by a picnic lunch and fun afternoon at Quinton Village Hall. Further information to follow. All Welcome.

*Ros*

## **St Swithin's Churchwardens' Report**

**It has been lovely to see so many people in person in Church over the last month. Places are still limited with booking necessary along with social distancing. Hopefully we will be allowed to meet in a more normal way soon. A new Family Communion Service** has proved very popular. The content is very child friendly but also fun for all ages.

**We are very pleased with the uptake of the 200 Club.** We almost managed to sell our target of 200 tickets - next year we hope we can make it the 300 Club! The first monthly draw was on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May and the winning ticket numbers were: 1<sup>st</sup> 136; 2<sup>nd</sup> 58; and 3<sup>rd</sup> 34.

**The Craft group** has been meeting in a group of 6 in the garden. We are hoping we can transfer to the church as soon as we are allowed. We have many people making some amazing and varied things for the Christmas Craft Fair on 4th December. If you would like to join us, have ideas or are making things at home please let us know. The plan is to hold a Craft production day once we are allowed to all get together.

Please keep an eye on social media and the notice boards just in case we can start holding events shortly.

**Churchyard theft.** We are sad to report that a number of the recently erected bird boxes in the church grounds have been stolen. It is bitterly disappointing for those who have been working so hard to make the churchyard more wildlife friendly. If anyone has information about their disappearance please let us know.

***Jane & Judi (Churchwardens)** see page 2 for contact details*



**Did this really happen?** Since the last Newsletter I have been told of two youths smelling of substance trying to kick in the phone box, two young girls being offered drugs in the Quinton Village Hall car park, and girls needing to seek an adult's help to safely get home.

We do operate CCTV for the Village Hall and Play Area and in the event of issues in this area the recorded footage may be reviewed by request to the parish clerk.

It is not the Parish Council's role to police these nor report them unless Parish property is affected but it is for anyone seeing such activity to report it directly to the Police either by dialling 999 if activity is in process or 101 if immediate response not required. No one should be getting away with these things or they will only get worse.

**A new swing seat** has been installed at Quinton Play Area. It was bought to provide a facility for young ones with physical issues where support is needed. Since installation the harness has been subject to multiple interference and damage and must now be replaced. However it will not be left in the seat but loaned out to be used where need exists.

The damage to the seat was captured on CCTV and the incident reported to Police who will follow up appropriately.

**Play Area Zip Wire:** A change was made by the installer but still the Zip Wire lacks motion. A further change is being sought which hopefully will allow a less restricted movement.

**Litter:** On a daily basis rubbish is dropped around the Parish particularly around the play areas in Quinton and Meon Vale and so often within an arm's length of a bin. Do your children know that is just wrong? Some certainly do not seem to.

**Parish Council Meetings** are no longer permitted via video link and will be returning to being held in the Quinton and Admington Village Hall.

**The Pavilion Café (Meon Vale)** The coffee machine has arrived and is plumbed in. A few matters still need tidying up but hopefully before the end of May it will be open.

# Mobile Warm Hub®



Our team of fabulous volunteers are bringing our Mobile Warm Hub minibus – or Chattybus, as one of our volunteers calls it – to:

**LOWER QUINTON VILLAGE HALL every FRIDAY from 10.30am – 12.30pm**  
(for 12 weeks starting from 7<sup>th</sup> May).

We will happily make you a cup of tea or coffee (it's free!) and we're great at chatting so don't worry about being the first one in the queue. We can help with advice about things on your mind and can access information about local and national agencies, organisations, activities and support services including money saving energy ideas and home safety tips.

Now is the time to:

- 👍 take your first steps out of the house
- 👍 push the isolation away
- 👍 feel part of your local community again.

Our visits comply with government guidance, implementing Covid-19 secure ways of allowing people to meet. And we provide outdoor tables and seating for up to 16 people.

This **free service** is run by volunteers of WRCC and VASA and is supported by Cadent Gas.



**To find out more, including volunteering opportunities, call 01789 777986** (Mon-Thurs, 9am-4pm; Fri, 9am-1pm & an answerphone service outside these times) **or email** [mobilewarmhubs@vasa.org.uk](mailto:mobilewarmhubs@vasa.org.uk). **Or visit** [wrccrural.org.uk/warm-hubs](http://wrccrural.org.uk/warm-hubs)

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# District Councillor's annual report 2020-21

## **Covid-19 & SDC**

The District Council helped with the delivery of food parcels, financial support and grants, found shelter for rough sleepers, involved with the staffing and infrastructure of testing and vaccination centres. The local community responded so compassionately with volunteering to help those who are vulnerable. Thank you to everyone who helped look after our neighbours.

## **Planning**

*Upper Quinton – application for eight houses on Meon Hill*

I put in a strong objection and thank you to everyone who has done the same. At the time of writing, we await the outcome from the Council. I expect a decision in mid-May. If we don't get the right outcome, I will fight this at a Planning Committee.

*Meon Woodland – Rural 4*

I was successful in changing council policy. This is a major result for the long-term future of the site. By working together we can change council policy for the better.

*Petrol station on Campden Rd*

I supported the application for the car wash to become a service station because it is unacceptable that residents have to travel to far for fuel. This has now been approved.

## **Housing Association**

I have had a significant amount of casework regarding Orbit housing in the Parish. It has been tough but very rewarding to help local residents with housing problems.

## **Green Waste Collections**

This service begun in April with over 42,000 subscribers recorded across the District.

## **BT Broadband**

It was good to see the Openreach vans out and about in the Parish in April following the District Council's scheme. We are all looking forward to having faster broadband.

## **CCTV Cameras**

We had a bid accepted for CCTV at Meon Vale via CIL funding, 2 cameras and 10 years' worth of surveillance. I am pleased with this result and this is good news for community safety.

## **Honeybourne/Stratford Railway**

Since becoming a councillor I have had the ambition to change the District Council's position so it would support the re-opening of the rail link between Honeybourne & Stratford. I am delighted that the Council are now exploring the options.

## **Vice-Chairman of the Council**

The small allowance I received as Council Vice-Chairman has been used to support the pub, Shipston Home Nursing and a local resident's fundraising efforts for charity.

To end, I would like to wish everyone a safe and peaceful summer. Please get in touch if I can help you.

*District Cllr Edward Fitter*

# Quinton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Quinton Parish Council (QPC) has prepared a draft NDP containing policies that will help shape future development in the parish. QPC has agreed with Stratford District Council (SDC) that the draft NDP can now be shared with residents for a six-week consultation period May 17 – June 27. This stage in the process is known as Regulation 14 Pre-Submission consultation.

QPC is required to review any comments made by residents on the draft NDP before a final version is submitted to SDC. This final version will be reviewed by an external examiner and if the Plan is passed by the examiner then the Plan will be put to a residents' vote in a referendum which would be held later this year.

The full draft Plan with maps etc can be found on the NDP website at [www.quinton-plan.org](http://www.quinton-plan.org) together with other useful NDP documents. In this Newsletter, there follows the policy proposals in the Plan.

**We would ask that residents review these and any comments should be sent by email to [consultation@quinton-plan.org](mailto:consultation@quinton-plan.org) or posted to Councillor Paul Milliken, Four Thatches, Friday Street, Lower Quinton CV37 8SQ.**

**Comments need to be received before June 28 to be considered.**

No personal information, such as email addresses, will be used or retained by QPC.

We are hoping to arrange at least one opportunity during June for residents to view details of the Plan with maps etc in the Village Hall. This is subject to the QPC being satisfied that this can be done consistent with Govt Covid guidance.

One word on the Housing Proposals. SDC is required to identify so called 'reserve sites' so that these can be called upon in case there is a shortfall in the housing numbers required across the District. We know from our previous survey that most residents do not want additional housing built that would extend the boundaries of the Lower and Upper Quinton villages. However it makes sense for our NDP to identify at least one potential site in order that we can influence where any potential future housing might be built. The site on Goose Lane that we have identified is estimated by SDC to be able to take 30 houses and is the 'least worst' option in the view of your Parish Council.

**Paul Milliken**, Parish Councillor and Chair NDP Steering Group

# NDP Proposals @ May 2021

## 1. HOUSING: Future Housing

Proposals for new dwellings within the Built Up Area Boundary (BUAB) of Lower Quinton and the BUAB of Upper Quinton will be supported in principle.

All areas outside the BUAB are classed as countryside. New dwellings within the countryside will be strictly controlled and limited to Rural Exception Sites, replacement dwellings and dwellings that are essential for rural workers, development that would represent the optimal viable use of a heritage asset or would be appropriate enabling development to secure the future of heritage assets, the re-use of redundant or disused buildings which enhances immediate setting, the subdivision of an existing dwelling or a new dwelling, the design of which is of exceptional quality

It is proposed that a reserve site is identified in order that the Plan makes a positive contribution towards potential future housing development in the Neighbourhood Area.

The location of the identified reserve site is on Goose Lane (East) immediately north of the new Quinton Fields development.

It is proposed that an updated landscape sensitivity assessment is provided as part of any future planning application for the reserve site. This assessment needs to pay specific attention to the proximity of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

## 2. HOUSING: Design and Layout

All new development proposals should have regard to the key guiding design principles below and the Design Guide contained within the Plan taking full account of the historic character and heritage assets within the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

The key guiding design principles are:

The rural character of the Neighbourhood Plan Area should be preserved and enhanced, and urbanisation avoided.

The rural landscape setting should be conserved, and views into, out of and within the villages protected.

The important informal balance between open and built areas should be maintained and where possible, enhanced.

The location of new housing or other development should not compromise the open character of the villages including significant views and aspects.

New building, including extensions, conversions and alterations, should where possible improve the quality of the public realm and should complement and be in sympathy with the surrounding architecture in the Neighbourhood Area, in terms of size, scale, quality of design, materials, existing character, housing density and distribution.

Good quality innovative design will be encouraged where it is sympathetic to its setting in terms of size, scale and materials and where it reflects and complements the immediate local environment and maximises sustainability benefits.

New development should strive for design excellence.

New housing, including layout and orientation, will be sensitive to the setting, existing built form, neighbouring uses, landscape character and topography of the site and locality. Proposals should reflect the context of the locality, ensuring a continuity of key design features (see Design Guide). Conventional estate layouts which are more suited to suburban areas should be avoided.

Development of existing agricultural buildings and farm buildings should respect the rural character of the villages and hamlets.

Development proposals which fail to satisfactorily consider and implement these design principles, as appropriate, will not be supported unless there is significant justification which indicates otherwise.

### **3. GREEN SPACES**

This Plan designates the following areas of Local Green Space as defined at the following locations in the Neighbourhood Area:

1. Swithin's Wood: three parcels of green space within the development
2. Millfield Close Green: a small green with trees
3. Quinton Primary School: the playing field at the rear of the school
4. Neighbourhood Area playing fields: the large field and recreation area by the Village Hall
5. Allotments off Back Lane: community allotments on Church land
6. St. Swithin's Church: includes the graveyard and other land within the Church boundary
7. Village green: the green areas between and around the College Arms and the Church
8. New green on Main Road: the green at the front of the Quinton Fields development
9. The Firs: a small green at the entry to the Firs housing area
10. Fordway: the green at the heart of the Fordway development
11. Goose Lane green: a triangular green area within the Goose Lane housing area
12. Thackery Close: a small green within the dense housing of this area
13. Upper Quinton: the large village green at the heart of Upper Quinton
14. Upper Quinton: the orchard by Upper Quinton Green
15. Meon Vale: several parcels of green space within the Neighbourhood Area boundaries of this large development

Development that would harm the openness or special character of a Local Green Space or its significance and value to the local community will not be supported unless there are very special circumstances which outweigh the harm to the Local Green Space.

### **4. VALUED LANDSCAPES**

Development proposals should ensure that any impacts on valued landscapes, and important views and skylines, as listed in the Plan are minimised, and mitigated especially where they relate to heritage assets, rising land, village approaches, settlement boundaries and to and from the AONB.

Development proposals should ensure that all valued landscapes, and important vistas and skylines, as listed in the Plan are maintained and safeguarded, particularly where they relate to heritage assets, rising land, village approaches, settlement boundaries and to and from the AONB.

In particular, proposals need to ensure conformity with the specific protections given to the AONB in national and district policies.

## **5. DARK SKIES**

Where relevant, lighting within new developments should be limited to what is required for personal safety.

## **6. RIDGE AND FURROW**

The fields in the Neighbourhood Area that have evidence of Ridge and Furrow should be protected and preserved as far as possible as important and rare heritage assets. Proposals which would result in the partial or complete loss of ridge and furrow will only be permitted if there are exceptional circumstances.

## **7. BIODIVERSITY**

Development will not be supported unless it protects, enhances and/or restores habitat biodiversity.

Where necessary, development proposals will be expected to demonstrate that they will:

- Provide a net gain in biodiversity where possible

- Protect or enhance biodiversity assets

- Avoid negative impacts on existing biodiversity

Development will only be supported in areas where Notable Bird Species or other rare or vulnerable wildlife or plant species are present as long as it can be demonstrated that it does not affect the conservation status of such species.

## **8. AQUATIC HABITAT**

The village pond in Lower Quinton should be preserved so it can continue to provide a habitat for wildfowl and aquatic life thus protecting its value as an amenity to be enjoyed by the Neighbourhood Area.

## **9. INFRASTRUCTURE: Flood Risk**

Proposals will only be supported if they satisfactorily identify and address the risk of flooding in line with Planning Policy and Guidance at national and local level

Appropriate Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) will be proportionally incorporated in all scales of development.

SuDS features must be located outside areas of identified flood risk.

Proposals on sites crossed by a watercourse must include a site-specific flood risk assessment that includes modelling of the watercourse with SuDS features located outside areas of risk in accordance with Warwickshire County Council Flood Risk & Drainage Standing Advice.

Infiltration and above ground SuDS attenuation, such as swales, ponds and other water based ecological systems, should be used.

Where mitigation measures involve cut off ditches, balancing ponds and/or similar, proposals should demonstrate the means by which these shall be maintained to ensure their satisfactory performance in perpetuity.

Proposals should include opening up any existing culverts for greater amenity and biodiversity benefits where practicable.

Proposals including new culverts should minimize the length and be built in accordance with Warwickshire County Council Guidance and have appropriate approvals.

#### **10. INFRASTRUCTURE: Foul Water Drainage Mitigation**

All new development must demonstrate adequate means of foul drainage in line with Building Regulations and submit evidence to demonstrate sufficient capacity exists within the system.

Proposals to erect new dwellings should include measures to:

Store discharges of foul water from the development and prevent its discharge into the public foul water sewer unless capacity is available to accept it without contributing to existing overload 'down-stream';

Prevent pressurised foul water from back feeding from the public sewer into the property or its curtilage.

Suitable techniques for "domestic grey water recycling" should be adopted where it will reduce the volume of 'buffer' storage required above.

Developers shall ensure that foul and surface water from new development and redevelopment are kept separate. Where sites which are currently connected to combined sewers are redeveloped, the opportunity to disconnect surface water and highway drainage from combined sewers shall be taken.

Should any connections into combined systems be unavoidable, the system should remain separate on site up to the point of connection.

#### **11. FOOTPATHS, CYCLEWAYS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

As appropriate, development proposals should demonstrate how walking and cycling opportunities have been prioritised and connections made to existing routes. Proposals which either adversely affect existing walking and cycling routes or do not encourage appropriate new walking and cycling opportunities will not be supported.

#### **12. HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSETS**

The Neighbourhood Plan Area's historic environment will be protected and enhanced for its inherent value and for the enjoyment of present and future residents and visitors. This includes designated heritage assets such as Listed Buildings, sites of archaeological importance and non-designated heritage assets.

New proposals will be high quality, sensitively designed and integrated with the historic context and informed by an understanding of the significance of the historic asset and environment.

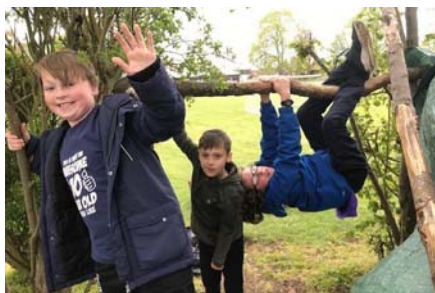
**Quinton Parish Council, May 2021**





We always like to stay upbeat, whatever may be going on around us and it really does feel as if the light at the end of the tunnel has been rekindled anew. It has been so exciting being in a full school again – our whole school community is buzzing and wonderful learning is going ahead – at full speed!

It's not just the children who seem to be so happy to be back in school but mums and dads too have a glint in their eye – they seem genuinely overjoyed!



**Forest School can be very interesting!**



**Our remarkable mosaic, in the entrance foyer, created by all the children in the school working in partnership with local ceramic artist, Ros Mayo. Have a closer look – it is stunning.**

We are in the process of planning and developing our outdoor area for our lovely Nursery and Reception children so that they have the most amazing space to learn in both indoors and outdoors.

Our Year 6 class will shortly be having the opportunity to spend two nights away from home at a brilliant outdoor activity centre – they can't wait!

School really is the most remarkable place to be – every day there are **WOW!** moments. The children never cease to amaze us all.

It's great to be back!

Stay safe and take care,

From all of us at Quinton Primary School



**"What do you think of that?"**

# Nosh and Natter Group

Luncheons, Trips4U, Meon Tea & Chatter; 3M's Café + **NEW Nosh on Wheels**

*Hello everyone and hope that you are adjusting to the new circumstances and keeping safe.*

Following the recent announcement from The Government about Covid 19 and the gradual easing of restrictions it may be that our **Lunches** can soon take place. We are hoping that if everything goes to plan our lunches **will be back on Wednesday 14th July 2021**.

## Trips4U

### Summer Holiday to Beaumaris Isle of Anglesey

Rearranged to June 28<sup>th</sup> for 4 nights DBB. See advertisement for details; there are still spaces available! The Hotel and area are very special.

### Day Trips for 2021

**Weston Super Mare** A favourite day out and this year will include afternoon Tea on the way home  
**Monday September 6<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
Cost £25 per person a minimum number of 12 is required for this day trip.

**Hereford day out for Festive Shopping:** Including an early festive lunch on **Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> 2021** Cost £35 per person a minimum of 12 is required for this day trip.

**Both day trips will depart from Lower Quinton**



The graphic is a promotional poster for 'Trips 4 U'. At the top left is a cartoon illustration of a red bus with 'TRIPS 4 U' written on its side, filled with passengers. To the right is a red oval logo with 'Trips 4 U' in white, and below it, 'Part of Nosh & Natter' in black. The main title 'Summer Holiday' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, the dates 'June 28th - July 1st 2021' are written in red. Further down, '4 Nights DBB' is in black, followed by 'The Bulkeley Hotel • Beaumaris Isle of Anglesey' in black. Contact information includes 'Phone: 01248 810 415', 'email: reception@bulkeleyhotel.co.uk', and 'Nosh & Natter Contact: danielle@bulkeleyhotel.co.uk'. A list of 'Hotel Facilities' includes 'Coffee House • Seafood & Grill', 'Bar • Cocktail Menu', and 'Take-Away Pies'. It also mentions 'Beaumaris/Isle of Anglesey: Stunning Beaches & scenery' and 'Multitude of visitor attractions'. Pricing is listed as 'Cost: £75 per person occupying a Double/Twin Room - £300' and '£95 per person occupying Single Room - £380'. A note about 'Coach Hire: Johnsons - £1,200' states it 'to be divided between number of people on the holiday'. A disclaimer says 'These are brief details. Please advise if you wish to attend and type of Room required if possible'. The contact 'Barbara: 07771 708 151' and email 'email: barbara.craig777@btinternet.com' are at the bottom. A vertical strip of sun icons runs along the right edge.

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## **Turkey Tinsel Holiday – Potters Resort – Hopton on Sea Norfolk**

29<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December is currently being organised and places are still available, however it is very likely that after June there will not be any places left. Extremely popular resort because of the quality of food, bungalows, entertainment and especially the evening shows (up to West End Standard)

## **Nosh on Wheels**

This venture is still going ahead till July 2021 following the government's relaxation plans after lockdown. The team of volunteers and Isobel Slatter want to thank everyone for all the messages of gratitude and praise.

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## Quinton's Stratford Sisters

Joan Crooks, who died in January this year, was one of five sisters, known as the 'Stratford Girls' (Stratford being their maiden name).



Born between 1931 and 1948, all five grew up in Quinton and then spent all their lives in the village, apart from Rose, who lived in Ireland for a short time before returning to Quinton.

Joan, who had lived in Lower Clopton and Upper Quinton before moving to St Swithin's Drive, was a mother of three, Sue, Mark and Julie; grandmother to five and great-grandmother to four. Speaking about Joan, her sister Wendy said: "She had suffered a lot from illness all her life

but she always had a smile. She is missed by her family and friends but will never be forgotten."

Two of her sisters, Rose, who lived in St Swithin's Drive, and Jean, who lived in Goose Lane, died a few year's ago but two of the Stratford Girls', Wendy Preece and Iris Nicklowicka, still live in Goose Lane.



## Christmas Pantomime

As announced in the Easter *St Swithin's News*, QUADS is hoping to perform a pantomime at the end of November this year.

This will depend on us all being free from the grip of Covid-19 so we are still watching and waiting for government guidance although at present things are rather more hopeful. If you are interested in being in the cast, then either phone Heather Belcher on 01789 721711 or just come to the first rehearsal on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, at 6pm for children and 7pm for adults. We are all looking forward to getting back on stage again!

# Letter to the Editor

## *Where have all the wild flowers gone?*

Looking at all of the wild flowers in our beautiful churchyard, which has been lovingly and carefully managed, I wonder whether it would be possible to include the grass verges and the greens in this type of care.

Nowadays, all local councils are being asked to mow less often to encourage the regeneration of the many wild flowers and wildlife, much of which are being lost. A few years ago there were cuckoo flowers (lady's smock) and cowslips on Upper Quinton Green, but alas, no more. The cow parsley on the verges used to be a joy to see in May, but not nowadays, we have to go well outside the villages to enjoy the sight. Of course, mowing close to the roads is sometimes essential for safety but perhaps not the whole width of the verge. These could be cut and cleared only once, later in the year after the wildflowers have seeded. This is being done in and around many parishes countryside.

There is a free-to-join, non-profit-making organization called 'Plantlife', which is carrying out a Road Verge Campaign throughout the UK. Please take a look at their website: [www.plantlife.co.uk](http://www.plantlife.co.uk) or write to Plantlife, Brewery House, 36 Milford Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 2AP.

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# School Nature Walks

Sometimes, on beautiful, sunny, warm days we children were delighted to hear the words ‘This morning, we’re going on a Nature Walk.’ At the time, I don’t think any of us realized that this would be as welcome a break from the stuffy classroom for the teacher as for us.

After the register had been called our class of around thirty children lined up in twos and set off out through the school gate. Usually, we turned left, past the long row of elm trees which fronted the field where St Swithin’s Drive and Corbet House would eventually be built. These trees housed a rookery where the rooks made a tremendous noise, calling and wheeling high in the sky, quarrelling and encouraging their young making their first flights. I think we probably made as much noise as the birds, chattering and calling out - ‘Look, Miss, there’s a blue tit - a finch - a blackbird!’ We pointed out wild flowers, caterpillars and anything we found interesting and ‘nature’.

Most of the time our walks culminated in a visit to a pond, either the small,



natural one in Harper’s, the field beyond the playing field, or the Sand Pool in Back Lane. This pool used to be the village cart wash and had a single wooden bar fence dividing it from the road. Everyone leaned over this bar and watched for tadpoles, minnows and sticklebacks. There were also lots of newts

in there, hanging motionless and visible against the old Cotswold stone lining at the front of the pond.

I remember that in my last year at Quinton Junior School, our teacher, Mr Ainsworth, took us to the pond in Harper’s. On this occasion we children took along jam jars which we dipped into the shallow edges of the pond. Mr Ainsworth sieved the contents of the jars and found caddis fly larvae.

After all this excitement, we all re-formed into our ‘crocodile’ for the walk back to our classroom. Once there some of us grated different colours of chalk to put into a small aquarium. Mr Ainsworth somehow gently removed the larvae from their cases and put them into the aquarium too. I can’t remember how long the process took, but the larvae made themselves pretty cases out of the chalk! We children were enchanted. I’ve never forgotten that lesson and wonder how many of my classmates remember it too.



*Marguerite*

# Magnificent fun ride success



*Socially distanced horse boxes and trailers filled the field at the start of the ride*

**This year's annual Admington fun ride, organised by Sue Cook and her team of helpers, attracted 275 horses and riders, and raised more than £6,000 for eight national and local charities.**

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May, after two days of rain and with heavy showers into the early morning, the sun shone through making it an ideal day for the riders of all ages with horses and ponies of all sizes, to enjoy this popular annual event. Over the years the Admington ride has become known as one of the most enjoyable and well organised.



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For everything to run so smoothly it takes an army of volunteers, both in the days of preparation as well as on the day itself.

Speaking after the ride Sue Cook expressed her gratitude to all those who helped make it such a successful day. "As always, we are very grateful to

all the landowners for allowing us access to their land and to those who moved livestock to accommodate the riders, especially as following Saturday's rain some parts of the course were a bit messy after the 275 riders had been through."

Sue also expressed her thanks to Lydia and her team of road crossing stewards; to those who did a sterling job in the tea tent and at the refreshment stop; as well as the members of both Cook families who were involved in so many different ways during the setting-up and on the day.

Then, as Sue put it, "there is Verena who works tirelessly with me for days, very rarely complains, is occasionally allowed to suggest a better place for a jump or sign!" .... and who had to change her wet clothes as many times as Sue did while setting up on Saturday and early Sunday morning!!



*Photographer Cordelia Noble takes a break on the jump promoting Covid-19 vaccinations, designed by Tony Cook, as she waits for the next riders.*

***The charities benefiting from this year's ride are  
St Swithin's Church, R.A.B.I. (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution)  
RDA (Riding for the Disabled), Breast Cancer, The Shoe Box Appeal,  
Shakespeare Hospice, Katherine House, and Ilmington School.***



The recent interest in grow-your-own has lead to a demand for plots on Quinton Glebe Allotments in Back Lane. A waiting list, which is currently empty, is being set up with plots likely to become available in October.

For further information, and to get your name on the waiting list, contact Andy Smith by email: [smith.ap@outlook.com](mailto:smith.ap@outlook.com)

# St Swithin's Church

Open for private prayer on Sundays and Wednesdays

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

where we appoint our Churchwardens and PCC members:

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 7pm in the Church**

(Change of date for that originally announced)

Treasurers, Secretaries, Churchwardens and PCC members, without whom we will not be able to function, are urgently needed across all our churches. Please do not think 'someone else' will do it - consider whether it is something YOU can do. If you're not sure, have a chat with your churchwarden or Revd Ros.

In order to be on the PCC or to vote at the APCM you need to be on the Church Electoral Roll which will close to new members 15 days before the APCM. **Nomination forms and electoral roll application forms are attached to this email and should be completed and sent to Ros before the meeting.**

## Public worship in St Swithin's during June and July

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 11am A United Benefice Service with Bishop Rachel</b>		
this will be followed by a picnic lunch and fun afternoon at Quinton Village Hall.		

**For details of all public worship and zoom services in the benefice see page 5**

*Please remember that at present we ask that you pre-book attendance at public services with Ros on 01789 751546 or email [revdrosgreenhalgh@gmail.com](mailto:revdrosgreenhalgh@gmail.com)*

## **Meon Vale – Residents' Association Update**

**Thanks to everyone who attended the online resident's meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May, especially Cllr Izzi Seccombe, Cllr Manuela Perteghella and also Stephanie Hillier who is running the fantastic new community coffee shop which will open soon at the Sports Pavilion. We had useful and informative discussions about several ideas and issues which face our community and it was great to have the support of our local councillors.**

### **Funding bids**

The Residents' Association has recently made bids for funding from Warwickshire County Council's Green Shoots and from Sport England. Fingers crossed! Keep an eye on news and up-dates as if our bids are successful, we will have some great opportunities for residents. The group has also been working to improve communications between residents and St Modwen, Mainstay and the various developers/construction companies working in the village. We have set up a tracker system, so we can keep tabs on issues and problems which are reported to us, to ensure they are monitored and resolved.

### **Biodiversity**

We asked for drop kerbs to be installed by Londis, which has been done. And following discussions with St Modwen and their landscape contractor, we are pleased to see many of our green spaces have areas have been left with longer grass, to promote biodiversity within the village. The results are almost instant – with many more wildflowers quickly popping up adding a splash of colour and a source of food for many native insects and birds.

### **Summer events**

We are also making plans for two summer events in the village – Meon Fun Fest on 14<sup>th</sup> August and a BBQ on 30<sup>th</sup> August. Please register to join our mailing list via <http://eepurl.com/hrl34T> to keep up-to-date with news and relevant information or if you are a resident, to join the Association.

***Dionne Sambrook***  
Resident of Meon Vale

# Neighbourhood Development Plan

**There will be an opportunity to view the details and maps of the NDP proposals (outlined on pages 10 to 14) in Quinton village Hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June, from 10am to 12noon and from 2pm and 4 pm, when representatives of the Parish Council and the NDP Steering Group will be on hand to answer any questions.**

## **Your response is needed**

All parishioners are invited to register any comments they have before 28<sup>th</sup> June – both favourable or critical – to ensure that the final plan represents the best interests of the local community.

# St Swithin's Church

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

(see page 24)

**Revised date - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the Church**  
not 1<sup>st</sup> June as shown in the printed copies of the newsletter

## **Important notice about Zoom Services**

**- as the country comes out of lockdown we will be decreasing and stopping our Sunday zoom services and encouraging everyone to return to church.**

In June there will only be a zoom service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June. In July there will be no Sunday zoom services.

Morning Prayer will continue on zoom (10am on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June but moving to the new time of 9.10am from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June)

## **Walking Church Pilot**

Due to unforeseen circumstances our first 'Walking Church' had to be deferred to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm. This is for the whole Benefice.

Please contact Andrew Goy for further information and to book:  
cotswoldpioneer@gmail.com or phone 07554 932 271



# Fun ride cheque presentations

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May, those involved with the annual Admington Fun Ride (see page 22) gathered in St Swithin's Church grounds for the presentation, by the organiser Sue Cook, of donations from the money raised at this year's ride,.



Verena Telling collected £1,500  
for the RDA  
(Riding for the Disabled Association)



£1,500 was accepted on behalf of  
St Swithin's Church  
by Paul Milliken



Tony Cook received the £1,500  
Donation to the R.A.B.I  
(Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution)

The Breast Cancer Foundation  
donation of £400 was  
collected by Liz Day





Dianna Hodges and Nina Drummond received £500 for the annual Shoe Box Appeal

£400 for the Shakespeare Hospice was collected by Wendy Meredith



Rachael Edmonds, assisted by Jamie, received £400 for the Illmington School PTA

Jeanette Cook accepted a donation of £300 for Prostrate Cancer research

